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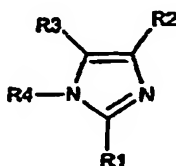
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(57) Abstract: Therapeutically effective 2,4,5-trisubstituted imidazole compounds are pro-  
vided. Also provided are methods of preparing the compounds and pharmaceutical compo-  
sitions comprising the compounds alone or in combination with other agents. The present  
invention further provides for the use of the compounds as anti-cancer agents; wherein: R1 is  
aryl, substituted aryl, heterocycle, substituted heterocycle, heteroaryl, substituted heteroaryl  
or amino; R2 and R3 are independently aryl, substituted aryl, heterocycle, heteroaryl, substi-  
tuted heterocycle, or substituted heteroaryl or R2 and R3 when taken together along with the

carbon atoms they are attached to, form aryl or substituted aryl, and R4 is hydrogen, halogen, hydroxyl, thiol, lower alkyl, substituted  
lower alkyl, lower alkenyl, substituted lower alkenyl, lower alkynyl, substituted lower alkynyl, alkylalkenyl, alkyl alkynyl, alkoxy,  
alkylthio, aryl, aryloxy, amino, amido, carboxyl, aryl, substituted aryl, heterocycle, heteroaryl, substituted heterocycle, heteroalkyl,  
cycloalkyl, substituted cycloalkyl, alkylcycloalkyl, alkylcyclobutyl, nitro, cyano or -S(O)<sub>2</sub>R wherein R is alkyl, substituted  
alkyl, aryl, substituted aryl, heterocycle, heteroaryl, substituted heterocycle, or substituted heteroaryl.



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